

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 6 visitor & 3x2 YouTube) c. 93

Offering: **Local Food Banks** - \$1,099 **MCC** - \$1000
Local Fund giving in December \$8,600
Needed per month approximately \$11,500

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., Dec. 24
Youth Christmas Eve Practice 9:45 A.M., Dec. 24
Worship 10:45 A.M., Dec. 24
Christmas Eve Service 7 P.M., Dec 24

Wednesday Evening Activities

No Wednesday Night Activities
Regularly scheduled activities will commence January 10th

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship Leader: Wes & Bonnie Brewer Family Next Sun.
Accompanist /Vocalist/Prelude: Brett Klingenberg Next Sun.
Abi Entz & Caleb Klingenberg
Children's Time: Bonnie Brewer Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite Mission Network Next Sun.
AV: Wes Brewer Next Sun.
Greeters: ??? Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Annual Congregational Meeting 7 P.M., January 3
Snow Camp Parent Meeting 6:30 P.M., January 10

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- trust in waiting. God does not leave us alone during our waiting, He is still active in our world and still sends help in our times of need.
- genuine love for the Lord and for each other. To hold fast to what is good; to be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. To rejoice in hope, to be patient in tribulation, to be constant in prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, and seeking to show hospitality (Romans 12:9-13).

Zion Mennonite Church

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December 17, 2023

Worship in the sanctuary at 10:45 A.M.; also live-streamed

Gathering "Hark! The Glad Sound" VT#217
Welcome, Introductions, Greeting One Another
Announcements Ann Schowengerdt
Prelude Renee & Emma Entz
Call to Worship Ann Schowengerdt
Lighting of the Advent Candles and Peace Lamp

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

High voices: For the Mighty One has done great things for me,

Low voices: and holy is God's name.

Leader: God has brought down the powerful and lifted up the lowly.

People: What will God do next?

(Light the advent candle and the Peace lamp)

All: Together we wonder.

Song "My Soul Proclaims with Wonder" VT#222

Offering *Western District Conference*
(Offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary – youth bring forward for prayer)

Children's Time Annette Voth

Choir "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"
arr. by Tom Mitchell

Scripture *Luke 1:46b-55*

Advent Caroling

“O Come O Come Emmanuel”	VT#210
“The First Noel”	VT250 vs.1,2,5
“Love Came Down at Christmas”	VT#255
“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”	VT#261
“The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy”	HWB#202
“Angels from the Realm of Glory”	VT#265

Scripture *John 1:6-8, 19-28*

Drama Matt Regier & Clint Unruh

Response Song “Comfort, Comfort O My People” VT#212

Sharing of Our Life Together

Prayer Ann Schowengerdt

Sending Song “He Came Down” VT#239

Benediction Pastor Micah

Micah: Together we wait.

People: How will we know what’s next?

Micah: Go and hold fast to what is good, rejoice always,
make straight the way of the Lord!

Worship Leader: Ann Schowengerdt	Music: Josh & Kristy
Advent Caroling	AV: Kyle Rutschman
Greeters: Josh & Kristy Andres Family	

Our worship is live-streamed and recorded. To access go to:

<https://www.zionmenno.org/watch-live.html> OR

<https://www.youtube.com/@zionmennonitechurch-elbing5666/streams>

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Pastor’s Schedule: Pastor Micah’s office hours and contact information:

Office Hours

Tuesday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Contact Information

Cell #: (540) 810-5087 (call or text)

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Office Administrators: All bulletin items, notes/information to be sent out to the congregation through email needs to be sent to:

office.zionelbing@gmail.com

Congregational Announcements

CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE will take place in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour December 24th. All youth need to bring their folders to practice. Thank you for your help in making this service a blessing!

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING will go to IRC (International Rescue Committee), specifically the Ukrainian & Palestinian relief.

JUNIOR HIGH SNOW CAMP PARENT MEETING will be held January 10th at 6:30 P.M. Parents and youth will meet with sponsors in the parsonage basement to learn more about this event.

The **SOUTH FURNACE ROOM** needs to be cleaned up. There are various items which require disposal. Please feel free to go and look through the room, and you're invited to take old hymnals. Note: following February 1st, the furnace room will be emptied of all remaining items.

~Thank you. Spiritual Life and Facilities Boards

AGENDA FOR JANUARY 3rd CONGREGATIONAL MEETING includes approval of Agenda, approval of December Minutes, report from auditors, 2023 Annual Report with questions and discussion, report from Pastoral Search Committee, Peacebuilding Team consideration, and an announcement by Wes Brewer. Additional items may be added by contacting Becky Nickel or Mark Unruh.

KARA KLINGENBERG will again travel to the Dominican Republic in January, this year as Medical Director for the project. Supplies have been purchased for surgeries and medicine needed to make this a successful trip. Monetary donations are appreciated to offset the cost of these supplies. Around \$3000 was spent just for supplies this year. Any extra donations will be used to help pay expenses for other participants.

KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE (KMRS) will be held April 12-13, 2024. Kathy Preheim has KMRS bucks available to purchase. They would make great stocking stuffers. Start collecting your coins for My Coins Count for the KMRS. We will begin setting up a display to gather them starting in January.

Other Organizations

Open to new participants: Healing & Hope, a confidential group of women supporting each other after experiencing betrayal trauma (a spouse or partner's use of pornography, affair, or sexual addiction). Bimonthly meetings are held via Zoom. This group is hosted by First Mennonite Church of Newton and facilitated by Audrey Ratzlaff, M.Div. Contact Audrey at aaratzlaff@yahoo.com or 316-619-4580 for more information.

Grief Share offers a safe, welcoming support group to help you discover relief, comfort, and peace of mind in loss. Manhattan Mennonite Church will host an online Grief Share group beginning November 1, 6:30-8pm, and continuing every Wednesday night through January 31. This group meets intentionally through the holidays because grief can be especially difficult in these seasons. A zoom link and a workbook will be available to those who register. More information here: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/175924>

Melva Kauffman Lecture Series: Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery This year the Melva Kauffman Lecture Series is pleased to host Mark Charles who will present on the topic of Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery. Charles is the son of an American woman (of Dutch heritage) and a Navajo man. He teaches with insight into the complexities of American history regarding race, culture and faith in order to help forge a path of healing and conciliation for the nation. The public is invited to hear his presentation at Hesston Mennonite Church Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 7 p.m.

MCC responding to the Palestine and Israel conflict - As conflict has escalated in the region, MCC laments the violence and mourns all lives lost in Palestine and Israel. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and we invite you to join us in praying for an end to the violence. MCC is planning an emergency response that will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. We are also planning to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. Donate online at mcc.org/Palestine-Israel or call 1-888-563-4676.

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory: An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: *new* infant onesies and sleepers (6-12 month sizes); *new* bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); *new* hand towels (dark colored). Locally, MCC distributes prisoner care and returning citizen care kits, for those kits we currently need: men's shirts (sizes XL, 2XL, 3XL -- any color) and men's underwear (sizes 2XL, 3XL -- any color). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.